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SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451

1. A RELIABLE SOURCE AT HILTON HOTEL INFORMED THAT TWO TERRORISTS
WITH TWO MACHINE GUNS AND GRENADES HOLDING APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY
(70) HOSTAGES, ALL MALE, AT HOTEL COFFEE SHOP, NOT BAR, AS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. TWO FEMALE HOSTAGES RELEASED.

2. LOCAL RADIO REPORTS TWO "COMMANDOS" OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY,
BUT NOT CYPRIOT, OPENED FIRE AT SITE OF AAPSO CONFERENCE,
KILLING HEAD OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION UYSUF AL-SIBAI. AREA HAS BEEN
SEALED OFF AND INTERIOR MINISTER VENIAMIN, ACTING FONMIN
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PATSALIDES AND OTHER GOC OFFICIALS ARE ON THE SCENE. EMBASSY
POLICEMAN REPORTS THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GOC
OFFICIALS AND TERRORISTS IN ORDER START NEGOTIATIONS.

3. LATEST ITEM. AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL WE RECEIVED REPORT THAT THERE
APPEAR TO BE NO AMERICAN HOSTAGES BUT THIS NOT CONFIRMED.
TERRORISTS ARE SEPARATING HOSTAGES BY NATIONALITY, I.E. THOSE

THEY VIEW AS FRIENDLY, THOSE PROBABLY NOT FRIENDLY TO THEIR
CAUSE. TERRORISTS, ONE OF WHOM SPEAKS BROKEN ENGLISH, STATED
THEY ARE PLEADING THE PALESTINIAN CASE. THEY DEMANDED BUS,
WHICH NOW SITUATED OUTSIDE HOTEL, AND PLAN TO TAKE 30 HOSTAGES
TO LARNACA AIRPORT.
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